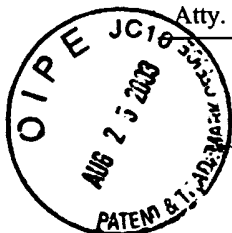


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

3743

Applicant: LYONS ET AL. Examiner: UNKNOWN
Serial No.: 09/781,148 Group Art Unit: 3743
Filed: FEBRUARY 8, 2001 Docket: 12929.1053US01
Due Date: N/A
Title: COMPRESSION MOLDED INORGANIC FIBER ARTICLES, AND METHODS AND
COMPOSITIONS USED IN MOLDING SAME
Atty. Bar Code: 23552



CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on August 20, 2003.

By: Andrea L. Endris

Name: Andrea Endris

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 8 Reference(s)
- ☒ Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.
P.O. Box 2903, Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903
612.332.5300

By: Matthew A. Doscotch

Name: Matthew A. Doscotch

Reg. No.: 48,957

MAD/JNR:ac

RECEIVED
SEP 02 2003
GROUP 1700

RECEIVED
AUG 28 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

RECEIVED

AUG 28 2003

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

PATENT



09/781,148

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: LYONS ET AL. Examiner: UNKNOWN
Serial No.: 09/781,148 Group Art Unit: 3743
Filed: FEBRUARY 8, 2001 Docket No.: 12929.1053US01
Title: COMPRESSION MOLDED INORGANIC FIBER ARTICLES, AND
METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS USED IN MOLDING SAME
Atty. Bar Code: 23552

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on August 20, 2003.

By:

Name: Andrea L. Endris

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED

SEP 02 2003

GROUP 1700

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.


Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked

as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

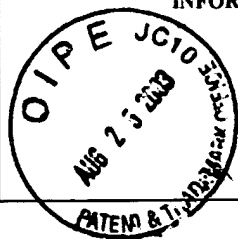
Respectfully submitted,
MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.
P.O. Box 2903
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0903
(612) 332-5300

Date: August 20, 2003

By: 
Name: Matthew A. Doscotch
Reg. No.: 48,957
MAD/JNR:ae

RECEIVED
SEP 02 2003
GROUP 1700

FORM 1449* INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN AN APPLICATION (Use several sheets if necessary)	Docket Number: 12929.1053US01	Application Number: 09/781,148
	Applicant: LYONS ET AL.	
	Filing Date: FEBRUARY 8, 2001	Group Art Unit: 3743
	Atty. Bar Code: 23552	



U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	4,890,601	01/02/1990	Potter			
	5,388,566	02/14/1995	Smith et al.			
	6,354,831 B1	03/12/2002	Wilk, Jr. et al.			

RECEIVED
 AUG 28 2003
 TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

RECEIVED
 SEP 02 2003
 GROUP 1700

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	0 267 671 A1	05/18/1988	EP				
	WO 01/61251 A1	08/23/2001	PCT				
	1,033,987	06/22/1966	GB				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
Dec. 2000	Photographic (copies) material referencing Travis Industries Model No. DV XL Fireplace (7 photos)	
	Berkshire™ Cast Iron & Stone Gas Stoves Brochure from Lopi Stoves showing Ember-Fyre™ Burner (2 pages)	

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED	 23552 PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE
EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation and not considered. Include copy of this form for next communication to the Applicant.		